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internationally agreed goals and commitments
in regard to global public health

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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement*

Our Institute has conducted programs since its inception to promote public health in every area. It has conducted projects or organized programs. From those experiences we present templates of what can be replicated elsewhere. Some recommendations are also suggested at the end.

1. Monthly free health check up camps.
2. Mass vaccination camps for Hepatitis B conducted from 1998-2001 covering a population of 200,000 including awareness-raising.
3. HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns and condom usage promotion at various red light zones and vulnerable localities.
4. Advocated prevention of child and women trafficking to reduce vulnerability towards HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) covering a population of 2 million.
5. Walks, rallies and other programs conducted to make people aware of malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis B.
6. Insurance-based healthcare delivery system for making people living below the poverty-line avail of optimum care in case of medical emergencies or even otherwise, without giving a thought to affordability as they are covered by group insurance implemented by the Institute and framed by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company and funded by the Government of India. This group family insurance covers several million members of the society, especially the skilled handicrafts artisans and other sectors that are exposed to the outside society. The Institute has already covered 10,000 families in its project area.

Suggested recommendations:

1. Funds for outdoor patient department (OPD) and indoor patient department (IPD) for every village or unit of administration in every country.
2. Funds for insurance-centric healthcare delivery system, to ensure accurate database on percentage of successful treatments, trend of pandemics and other infectious diseases amongst the global population.
3. Insurance for HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases should be introduced to ensure easy availability of treatments by patients especially in the least developed or developing nations instead of the present occurrence of evasion of such treatments due to lack of funds by the patient or lack of medical facilities from the grants available with the authorities.
4. Insurance-centric healthcare system to be promoted so that grants allocated for such services can be utilized at the optimum level and desired benefits can be quantified.

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